

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1113

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Herschel Cloyd Ligon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Herschel Cloyd Ligon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Herschel Ligon devoted his time on earth to owning and operating his more than 200 year old Wilson County farm, Cloydland; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1918, Herschel Cloyd Ligon was born in the family farm's log house, which was constructed in 1791; and

WHEREAS, part of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Ligon landed at Utah Beach as a company commander and then helped build the main line of communications from Cherbourg on the French coast to the German city of Frankfurt; and

WHEREAS, after his gallant service in World War II, this dedicated farmer returned to Tennessee and his beloved Cloydland, working from dusk till dawn and pouring his heart and soul into the family business; and

WHEREAS, earning his reputation as a distinguished leader in the farming industry, Mr. Ligon laid claim to owning the oldest herd of Poland China purebred hogs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Herschel Ligon's son, Bill Ligon, a retired agriculture high school teacher, and his grandson, Andy, a sophomore at Tennessee Technological University majoring in veterinary medicine, are planning on carrying on the family tradition, becoming the sixth and

seventh generation to take care of the family farm, which was settled by Herschel Ligon's great-great-grandfather in 1789; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Mr. Ligon served as a charter member of Donelson American Legion Post 88, furnished a team of mules for the groundbreaking ceremony at Opryland theme park in 1970, and was a favorite source for *The Tennessean* reporters, who regularly consulted him to gain the Middle Tennessee farmer's view on a variety of subjects; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Herschel Ligon received the first Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee State Fair in 2000 for exhibiting Poland China hogs for fifty-one consecutive years and, in 2008, was inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Herschel Ligon was the proud father of four, the loving grandfather of eight, and the doting great-grandfather of five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon will also be sorely missed by his sister; and

WHEREAS, Herschel Ligon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Herschel Cloyd Ligon, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ligon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.